

What is the purpose of the knowledge exam?

DMV uses knowledge exams to test applicants' ability to recognize highway signs and knowledge of traffic laws and safe-driving practices.

How is the exam given?

The exam is generally a self-administered knowledge test. It is available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Laotian, Hmong, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Cambodian, German, Italian, Serb/Croatian and Arabic as well as English. Examiners can also give an oral exam to individuals with reading or language difficulty. A department-approved interpreter may be used for learning-impaired persons or to meet special language needs.

Who is required to take the exam?

The exams are required for:

- original instruction permits
- special restricted licenses
- original CDL endorsements
- original or renewal school bus endorsements
- renewal of CDL HazMat endorsements

The exams are also required for individuals applying for renewal of an instruction permit and renewal of a license expired more than 4 years.

Where are exams given?

DMV offers exams at Service Centers on a walk-in basis. The exams are also given at many local high schools in conjunction with their driver-education programs.

What does it cost?

There is no cost for taking a knowledge exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the applicant is issued either an instructional permit or a license for a fee. See "Driver License," "Driving Skills Test," and "Instruction Permits" for applicable fees.

How many exams are conducted annually?

Over 350,162 knowledge exams were conducted in 2001.

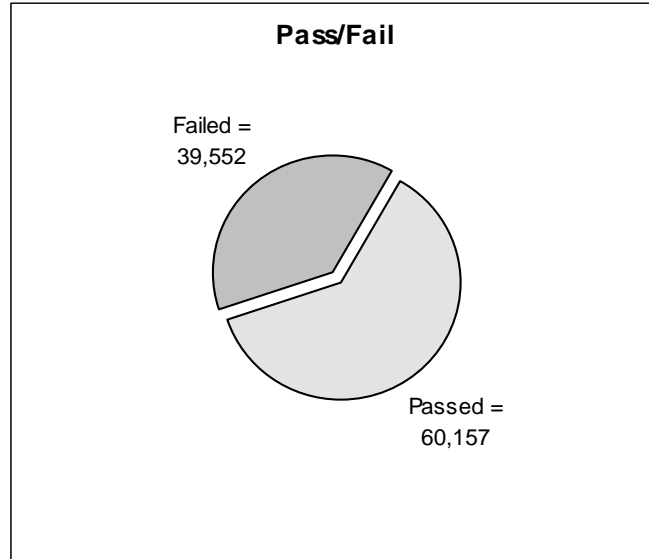
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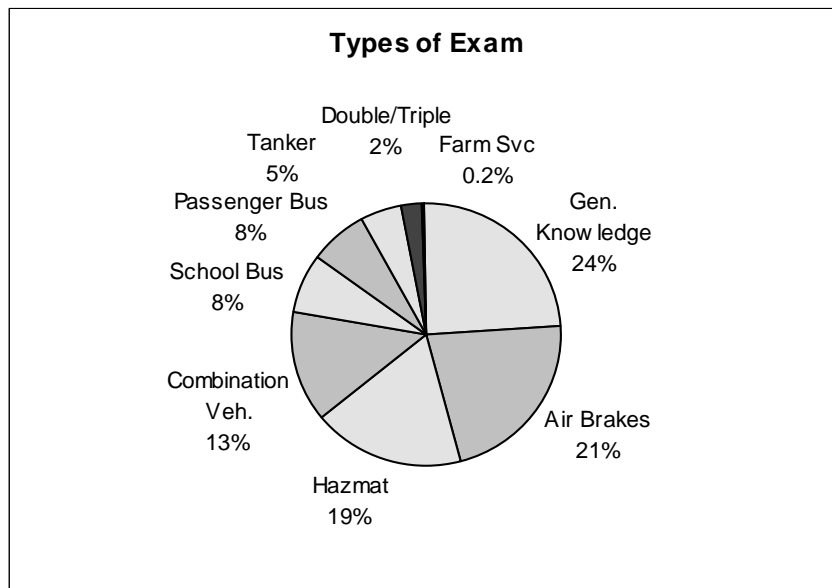
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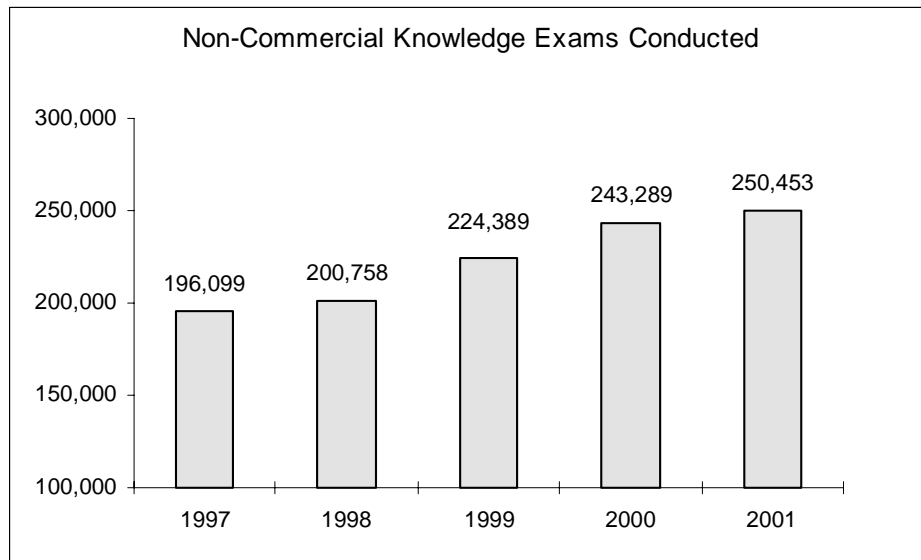
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